



Atlantic Maritimes & Viking Trail (18 days)

Fresh salt air, sandy beaches, rocky coves, cosmopolitan cities, remote lighthouses, rich history, warm hospitality, rustic fishing villages, succulent seafood, unspoiled nature, varied activities, first-rate facilities and travel routes...all of these things and more make Canada's Maritime Provinces one of the world's most popular destinations. Your Atlantic Canadian journey continues to Newfoundland & Labrador where thousands of years of history come alive as you explore the West Coast. Learn about ancient peoples-the Maritime Archaic and Dorset Indians at Port au Choix, the Vikings in L'Anse aux Meadows, and the Basque Whalers in Red Bay - as you meet the hospitable and friendly people of today. See the beauty of Gros Morne National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage Site and coastal fishing communities. Take a boat tour in St. Anthony (weather permitting) where you may see whales and, depending on the time of year, icebergs!

This is one of our Combination Tours. You will enjoy the Atlantic Maritimes portion of your tour with one Tour Director, Driver and traveling companions, and Newfoundland & Labrador portion of the tour with another Tour Director, Driver and other traveling companions.

Dates

May 30 - June 17, 2023
June 13 - July 01, 2023 | Small Group Departure
June 20 - July 08, 2023
July 04 - July 22, 2023 | Small Group Departure
July 25 - August 12, 2023 | Small Group Departure
August 01 - August 19, 2023
August 08 - August 22, 2023
August 22 - September 09, 2023 | Small Group Departure

Highlights

17 Nights accommodation including 5 two-night stays
34 Meals including 2 lobster dinners
Meet and Greet Event
Atlantic Canadian Tour Director or Driver Guide
Lobster Dinner Cruise on Shediac Bay
Annapolis Valley Winery Tour & Tasting
Peggy's Cove
Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island
World Famous Cabot Trail
Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site
Gros Morne National Park - UNESCO World Heritage Site

Western Brook Pond or Bonne Bay Scenic Boat Tour in Gros Morne (weather permitting)
"Screech In" Ceremony
2 Whale Watching Boat Tours (weather permitting)

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Halifax

Arrive in **Halifax** and check in to your accommodations which are ideally located in the downtown core of this vibrant and cosmopolitan urban centre on the **Atlantic Ocean**. Meet your Tour Director or Driver/Guide and fellow travelers this evening at a **Meet & Greet**.

***Option:** You may wish to add additional nights in Halifax to your vacation package. Bursting with culture and rich history, Nova Scotia's capital city has much to offer.*

Day 2: Halifax, NS to Moncton, NB

Explore the **Bay of Fundy** and learn about the world's highest tides as you meander its colourful coastline to **New Brunswick**. En route, explore the **Joggins Fossil Cliffs**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, where you will see magnificently exposed layers of rock revealing the world's most complete fossil record of life in the "Coal Age" of 300 million years ago. After crossing into **New Brunswick**, an unforgettable culinary experience awaits as you enjoy a scrumptious lobster dinner on a lobster boat. Continue on to **Moncton** and check into your downtown hotel for the night. **(Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Day 3: Moncton, NB to Saint John, NB

Experience a true natural wonder this morning at the **Hopewell Rocks** on the coast of the **Bay of Fundy**. Marvel at these massive flower-pot shaped formations sculpted by the highest tides on the planet. Travel through **Fundy National Park** on to Canada's first incorporated city, **Saint John**, on the southern New Brunswick coast. Enjoy a **city tour**, including the **Reversing Falls** where twice daily the **Bay of Fundy** tides force the **Saint John River** to reverse its flow. Check into your **Saint John** accommodations for a two-night stay. **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

Day 4: St. Andrews by-the-Sea

Enjoy a day trip to picturesque **St. Andrews by-the-Sea** where the quaint charm of this coastal town is sure to captivate. After a **Whale Watching Boat Tour** (weather permitting), the afternoon is yours to experience the friendly people, beautiful architecture, and rich marine life of this seaside gem at your own pace. **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

Day 5: Saint John, NB to Digby, NS

Ferry back to Nova Scotia this morning and arrive in **Digby**, the scallop capital of the world, where the fresh sea air and passionate Acadian culture combine to form an enchanting and historically rich town. Check into the **Digby Pines Golf Resort & Spa** overlooking the **Annapolis Basin** on the **Bay of Fundy**. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 6: Digby, NS to Halifax, NS

Travel the lush **Annapolis Valley** where the **French Acadians** of **Grand Pre** made their first settlement in the early 1600's. Learn about this landscape's designation as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** as fact and fiction blend to reveal the romance of the **Land of Evangeline**. Visit a **local winery** for a tour and tasting before returning to **Halifax** for a two-night stay. **(Breakfast)**

Day 7: South Shore Touring

Discover the rustic charm of the renowned fishing village of **Peggy's Cove** where you will enjoy

breakfast overlooking one of the most photographed lighthouses in the world. Travel the **South Shore** and on to the **UNESCO World Heritage Town of Lunenburg**, renowned for her fleets of Grand Banks' fishing schooners. Take a **walking tour** to fully experience one of the most remarkably preserved colonial settlements in the New World, and visit the **Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic** to learn about the town's famous seafaring heritage. **(Breakfast)**

Day 8: Halifax to Charlottetown, PE

Learn about the Mi'kmaq people at **Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre** before crossing **Confederation Bridge**, the world's longest continuous multi-span bridge, to **Prince Edward Island**. Check into your **Charlottetown** accommodations for a two-night stay and enjoy a theatre performance by local entertainers at the **Confederation Centre of the Arts** (a substitution may be necessary due to the theatre schedule). **(Continental Breakfast)**

Day 9: Prince Edward Island Touring

Enjoy a **free morning** in Charlottetown, Canada's birthplace, or join a complimentary **walking tour** of the city. This afternoon, tour the scenic **North Shore** of the island. Drive by red cliffs, white beaches, gently sloping sand dunes and green fields of **Prince Edward Island National Park** and visit **Anne of Green Gables Heritage Place**, the alluring inspiration of Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic books. Experience true Maritime hospitality this evening at a traditional hall-style **lobster supper**. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 10: Charlottetown, PE to Baddeck, NS

Ferry over the **Northumberland Strait** back to **Nova Scotia** and proceed to **Cape Breton Island**, the Scotland of North America, via the **Canso Causeway**. Visit **Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site** in **Baddeck** to learn of the many accomplishments of this genius who made his home on the island before checking into your accommodations on the **Bras d'Or Lake** where you will spend the next two nights. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 11: Cabot Trail Touring

Experience one of the most stunningly picturesque drives in North America today as you tour the **Cabot Trail** which winds around the rocky splendor of Cape Breton's northern shore, ascending to the incredible plateaus of **Cape Breton Highlands National Park**. Look-offs offer unforgettable vistas of Cape Breton's rugged coastline so be sure to have your camera on hand. **(Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner)**

Day 12: Baddeck, NS to Port aux Basques, NL

The Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site awaits today. This reconstruction of the original French town and fortifications, depicting one-fifth of the settlement of 1744 New France, is the largest of its kind in North America. **At North Sydney**, board the Marine Atlantic ferry for a relaxing overnight* crossing to **Port aux Basques**, your port of entry on the island of **Newfoundland**. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

**The Marine Atlantic ferry schedule changes from year to year. As such, a day crossing may be necessary and in that case you would overnight in Port aux Basques.*

Day 13: Port aux Basques, NL to Port au Choix, NL

Drive through the Codroy Valley and through **Gros Morne National Park** - to be enjoyed later on during your tour - to the fishing community of **Port au Choix** to learn of ancient cultures. The **Port au Choix Peninsula** juts slightly out into the Gulf of St. Lawrence on Newfoundland's northwest coast and people have lived here for 5,500 years. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Day 14: Port au Choix, NL to L'Anse au Clair, NL

Board the **ferry** from St. Barbe to cross the **Strait of Belle Isle** to **Labrador**. Continue to **Red Bay National Historic Site**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, where the Basques had a whaling

station in the 16th century. This mystical place takes the essence of Labrador coastal living and transposes it onto a tapestry of rich culture and history. Spend the night in Labrador. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 15: L'Anse au Clair, NL to St. Anthony, NL

Return to Newfoundland and travel to **L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site**, the first cultural discovery in the world to receive recognition as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Hear of the Vikings who walked here over a thousand years ago. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 16: St. Anthony's, NL to Cow Head, NL

Enjoy a morning **whale watching boat tour** (weather permitting) in St. Anthony before traveling to **Cow Head** in **Gros Morne National Park** for a two-night stay. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

**June and early July are the best times to see Titanic-sized icebergs!*

Day 17: Gros Morne Local Touring

Discover why **Gros Morne National Park**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, is truly one of the highlights of your trip with a **scenic boat tour** on **Bonne Bay**; be on the look-out for the **bald eagles** that frequent the deep waters of the fjord. Also visit the **Tablelands**; this mountain of flat-topped rock of a kind usually found only deep in the earth's mantle is an awe-inspiring sight. Today will be an unforgettable experience; some say the scenery that **Gros Morne** offers is unequalled in **Eastern Canada**. **(Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner)**

Option: *Passengers may request **on booking** to take a scenic boat tour on Western Brook Pond and visit the Broom Point Fishing Premises in lieu of the scenic boat tour on Bonne Bay and visit the Tablelands. While some may consider the boat tour on Western Brook Pond to be a superior outing, please note that there is a 45-minute walk (3 km/2 miles) from the parking lot to the dock and a 45-minute walk back. **This option must be requested on booking.***

Day 18: Cow Head, NL to Deer Lake, NL

Return to Gros Morne National Park to visit the Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse and then continue on to the Deer Lake Airport where your arrangements with Atlantic Tours end. **(Breakfast)**

Please Note: Our tour arrives back in Deer Lake at approximately 12:30 pm and you should not book your flight out of Deer Lake any earlier than 1:30 pm.

Accommodations

Day 1	Cambridge Suites Halifax	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Day 2	Crowne Plaza Moncton Downtown	Moncton, New Brunswick
Day 3 & 4	Hilton Saint John	Saint John, New Brunswick
Day 5	Digby Pines Golf Resort & Spa	Digby, Nova Scotia
Day 6 & 7	Cambridge Suites Halifax	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Day 8 & 9*	Rodd Charlottetown	Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Day 10 & 11	Inverary Resort	Baddeck, Nova Scotia
Day 12	Marine Atlantic Ferry	Overnight Crossing
Day 13	Sea Echo Motel	Port au Choix, Newfoundland & Labrador
Day 14	Northern Light Inn	L'Anse au Clair, Newfoundland & Labrador

Day 15**	Haven Inn	St. Anthony, Newfoundland & Labrador
Day 16 & 17	Shallow Bay Motel & Cottages	Cow Head, Newfoundland & Labrador

*May 30, 2023 departure may stay at Rodd Brudenell River Resort

Rates

2023

Regular Departures - Up to 48 passengers

DOUBLE/TWIN:	TRIPLE:	QUAD:	SINGLE:
\$7504	\$7050	\$6976	\$9144

Per person Rates in Canadian funds. Rates are subject to 15% HST

*Small Group Departures - 22 to 26 passengers

DOUBLE/TWIN:	TRIPLE:	QUAD:	SINGLE:
\$8634	\$8180	\$8106	\$10504

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